In Our Neighborhood

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Love your neighbor as yourself.

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Yukon Police Department			
Non-Emergency	354-1711 or		
(Crime is not ongoing.)	354-2553		
Emergency	911		

www.CityofYukonOK.gov

Online Incident Reporting at Police Dept. Link
Crimes reported not requiring officer present
Includes IDENTITY THEFT

354-6312 Animal Control...354-2553 if closed

Yukon Police Department September 2015 Crime Stats



We are pro-active!

Great news! There were ZERO reported crimes in your neighborhood in the month of September. Maybe we can start the streak again of no crimes in the neighborhood.

Sgt. Zach Roberson, YPD

We practice the "Five House" Rule—Get to know the neighbors next door to the left and right and the three houses across from you.

We are eyes and ears for our community. Our Mission...We agree to work together, in respect for each other, for the purpose of protecting property, human life, deterring crime through cooperation and crime prevention actions.

Neighborhood Watch is a non-profit organization that is not directly or indirectly related to the Yukon Police Department. It is separate entity that receives support through guidance. Neighborhood Watch agrees to notify the Yukon Police Department of any suspicious activity or areas of concern.

Von Elm East Borders: north WAGNER RD, east SARA RD, south SYLVAN SAND, west DEER CREEK

SAFE HALLOWEEN – Saturday, Oct 31



From Family Watch Dog Newsletter:

- **S** Swords, knives and similar accessories should be soft and flexible.
- A Avoid Trick-or-treating along. Always go with a trusted adult.
- **F** Fasten reflective tape to yourself and bags to help drivers see you.
- E Examine all treats before allowing kids to eat them. This allows the parents to get some treats in for themselves!

- H Hold a flashlight when out past dark. Never run from house to house, walk!
- A Always test make up in a small area to make sure there are no allergic reactions.
- L Look both ways when crossing the street. Use crosswalks when available.
- L Lower your risk of eye injuries by avoiding special contacts and masks that hang around the eye.
- O Only walk on sidewalks. If walking on the streets, stay on the far edge of the road facing traffic.
- W Wear proper fitting masks, shoes and costumes to avoid tripping and hurting yourself.
- **E** Eat only factory wrapped treats. Never eat homemade treats.
- **E** Enter homes only if you are with a trusted adult. Only go to well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- N Never walk near flames and make sure your costume is fire resistant.

Please check our website for the neighborhood you plan on trick or treating. http://www.familywatchdog.us/

Make a list of offenders in the area. Write down the addresses and avoid those houses. Most states now do NOT allow offenders to participate in the activities. Please call your local authorities and verify that this is true in your area. If so, take your list. If you see a house that should not be participating, report it!

For more helpful information on everything Halloween, please visit www.halloween-safety.com



Happy SAFE Halloween



In Real Estate - Our Addition

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Address ACTIVE:	BUILT B	ED/BA/GA	R SqFt L	IST/CLOSED	
1412 CHIMNEY HILL	RD 1984	3/2/2	1308	123,999	
1408 VON ELM	1985	4/2/2	2284	189,990	
1209 VALLEY RD	1983	4/3/2	3729	329,900	
PENDING:					
4801 WILCOX LN	1984	3/2/2	1259	107,200	
1308 SYLVAN SAND	1984	3/2/2	1780	163,900	
4708 DEER CREEK	1983	4/2/2	2214	200,000	
CLOSED:					
4609 SKYTRAIL CT	1983	3/2/2	1820		
			150,00	0/150,500	
4901 ELK RUN	1983	3/2.5/2	2108		
			188,00	0/188,000	
YUKON SCHOOL DIST STATS:					
296 ACTIVE AVE \$225,281 /105.96 138 PENDING					
AVE \$192,704/100.60					
93 SOLD \$192,677/99.30 30 DAYS ON MARKET					
METRO STATS: AVERAGE SELL PRICE \$190,429 (SEPT)					
GETTING 98% OF LIST PRICE					
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The Green Thumb for November

From: Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service HLA-6408 Landscape Maintenance Schedule

- ☐ Continue to plant spring flowering bulbs, pansies, kale and cabbage.
- □ In the first week, fertilize cool season grasses again
 □ Continue mowing cool-season lawns on a regular
- ☐ Remove leaves from cool-season grasses or mow with a mulching mower.
- ☐ Continue to control broadleaf weeds in wellestablished warm or cool-season lawns with a postemergent broadleaf weed killer.
- ☐ Now is a good time for a soil test to correct nutrient deficiencies before winter.
- ☐ Dispose of pine cones of pines infested with Diplopia and Dothistroma. Prune out dead tips.
- ☐ Compost annual debris and leaves but do not compost diseased plant parts.
- ☐ November 15 to March 15 is the best time to prune most trees and shrubs.
- ☐ Prepare the landscape for winter.
- ☐ Scale insects can be controlled with dormant oil sprays applied when the temperature is above 40°F in late fall and winter. Do not use "dormant" oils on evergreens.
- ☐ Drain gasoline from power equipment or use fuel stabilizer before winter storage. Drain and store water hoses and wrap hydrants. Clean up all tools.

Coat metal surfaces with a thin film of oil to prevent rust.

☐ Remove diseased plant material from the landscape to reduce disease problems next year.



Congratulations! Yard of the Month 4512 Skytrail Court

This is the home of Tom and Terrie Wooldridge. They have lived in the neighborhood for 31 years.

Robbie: It's about time!! Gorgeous yard!

Should your yard be selected, please post pictures on our Facebook Timeline or email pics to VonElmEast@cox.net.

Thank you, City of Yukon Public Works, for repairing the Prue Sand Bridge & Roadway!

A request was made to consider adding rails to the bridge for sidewalk safety. Sidewalk runs on both sides of the bridge; however, the slabs running the length of the bridge drop at least 4 inches below the sidewalk level. Concern is for the unaware walker or biking child.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE BRIDGE SIDEWALK WHEN OUT WITH YOUR TRICK OR TREATERS!!!



Neighbors Share...highlights of some conversations happening on Von Elm East Facebook of 250 neighbors. Open to anyone

living in Von Elm East-- just request to join on Facebook.

- --Through Facebook, Janet and Leslie were able to locate the owner of a missing puppy.
- --Kristen found a pit bull.
- --C. J. joined our facebook page when his Yorkie went missing and learned Carol had found it the day before.
- --Yukon's Animal Control officers post pictures of missing pets within an hour of finding them. Website is: http://www.cityofyukonok.gov/city-departments/police-department/support-services/

The Hollidays had their mailbox replaced inside their brick column and highly recommend the work of Luis Moreno at #886-0313. They spotted him as he was rebuilding another brick mailbox in the neighborhood.



Scams posted on Facebook:

OG&E: SCAM ALERT. If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from "Oklahoma

Gas & Electric Billing & Disconnect department" telling you to call a toll-free number, hang up. Do not provide any information about your account. The toll-free number they provide is (888) 767-4409.

Oct 6—OKC Police Department

Recently the OKCPD has received various phone scam related inquiries. Phone scammers will claim to be a member of the police department or a utility service and request personal or credit card information.

PLEASE REMEMBER, police departments will NEVER call citizens and ask for money. Utility companies will usually send a mail notice versus a phone call. You should never give personal or financial information over the phone. If you find a call suspicious, hang up and call police.

How to Stop Thieves

Excerpt from Family Handyman

http://www.familyhandyman.com/home-security/how-to-stop-thieves#10



Cuff Your Bike

Advice from a retired police officer: An easy and very secure way to lock up a bicycle is a pair of handcuffs. You can lock two bikes up

with one set or literally cuff the frame of your bike to most anything. The cuff key is small and easy to carry, and standard, good steel cuffs can be obtained easily and cost about the same as a cumbersome bike lock. Master Lock Street Cuffs Lock (available at amazon.com) get rave reviews from users. The links pivot to prevent a thief from getting leverage with a bolt cutter, and the cuffs are compact enough to carry in a pocket.



Neighborhood Lighting

- DETERS CRIME: if a light is on, it creates the impression that someone is at home.
- DETECTS CRIME: in a well-lit area, an intruder would find it difficult to approach unseen and it makes it easier for police and neighbors to see suspicious activity.
- PREVENTS CONCEALMENT: it takes away shadows where someone could hide.
- IMPROVES SURVEILLANCE: neighbors and passersby can see what is going on.
- REDUCES FEAR: a well-lit area feels safer than a dark one.



<u>Recommended Earthquake Safety</u> <u>Actions</u>

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Federal, State, and local emergency management experts and other official preparedness organizations all agree that "**Drop, Cover**, and **Hold On**" is the appropriate action to reduce injury and death during earthquakes. Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills (<u>www.shakeout.org</u>) are opportunities to practice how to protect ourselves during earthquakes.

You cannot tell from the initial shaking if an earthquake will suddenly become intense...so always Drop, Cover, and Hold On immediately! Image

- **DROP** to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!);
- COVER your head and neck with your arms and seek shelter by getting under a sturdy desk or table if nearby; and
- **HOLD ON** to your shelter and be ready to move with it until the shaking stops.

If there is no table or desk near you, drop to the ground and then if possible move to an inside corner of the room. Be in a crawling position to protect your vital organs and be ready to move if necessary, and cover your head and neck with your hands and arms.

Do not move to another location or outside. Earthquakes occur without any warning and may be so violent that you cannot run or crawl. You are more likely to be injured if you try to move around during strong shaking. Also, you will never know if the initial jolt will turn out to be start of the big one...and that's why you should always Drop, Cover, and Hold On immediately!

These are guidelines for most situations. Read below to learn how to protect yourself in other situations and locations, or visit earthquakecountry.org/step5.

If you are unable to Drop, Cover, and Hold On: If you have difficulty getting safely to the floor on your own, get as low as possible, protect your head and neck, and move away from windows or other items that can fall on you.

In a wheelchair: Lock your wheels and remain seated until the shaking stops. Always protect your head and neck with your arms, a pillow, a book, or whatever is available.

In bed: If you are in bed, hold on and stay there, protecting your head with a pillow. You are less likely to be injured staying where you are. Broken glass on the floor has caused injury to those who have rolled to the floor or tried to get to doorways.

In a high-rise: Drop, Cover, and Hold On. Avoid windows and other hazards. Do not use elevators. Do not be surprised if sprinkler systems or fire alarms activate.

In a stadium or theater: Stay at your seat or drop to the floor between rows and protect your head and neck with your arms. Don't try to leave until the shaking is over. Then walk out slowly watching for anything that could fall in the aftershocks.

In a store: When shaking starts, Drop Cover and Hold On. A shopping cart or getting inside clothing racks can provide some protection. If you must move to get away from heavy items on high shelves, drop to the ground first and crawl only the shortest distance necessary. Whenever you enter

any retail store, take a moment to look around: What is above and around you that could move or fall during an earthquake? Then use your best judgment to stay safe.

Outdoors: Move to a clear area if you can safely do so; avoid power lines, trees, signs, buildings, vehicles, and other hazards.

Driving: Pull over to the side of the road, stop, and set the parking brake. Avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs and other hazards. Stay inside the vehicle until the shaking is over. If a power line falls on the car, stay inside until a trained person removes the wire.

Near the shore: Drop, Cover, and Hold On until the shaking stops. If severe shaking lasts twenty seconds or more, immediately evacuate to high ground as a Tsunami might have been generated by the earthquake. Move inland two miles or to land that is at least 100 feet above sea level immediately. Don't wait for officials to issue a warning. Walk quickly, rather than drive, to avoid traffic, debris and other hazards.

Below a dam: Dams can fail during a major earthquake. Catastrophic failure is unlikely, but if you live downstream from a dam, you should know flood-zone information and have prepared an evacuation plan.

MYTH – Head for the Doorway:

An enduring earthquake image of California is a collapsed adobe home with the doorframe as the only standing part. From this came our belief that a doorway is the safest place to be during an earthquake. We now understand that doorways are no stronger than any other part of the house, and do not provide protection from falling or flying objects. You are safer under a table.

More information:

www.shakeout.org www.earthquakecountry.org/step5 www.earthquakecountry.org/dropcoverholdon www.dropcoverholdon.org

Thank you, Newsletter Volunteers -- Bois D'Arc Dr EVA SUDDUTH • Chimney Hills Rd, Hunton Terrace, & VIOLA DRIVE TRECIA STATON • Deer Creek DICK SPEAR • Deer Creek Ct MARGARET ALBRECHT • Elk Run CAM DOOLEY • Osborn Lane CALAWAYS • Oswego Drive KATHY RICE • N. Sky Trail NOWLINS • S. Sky Trail SHIRLEY PFIEFFER • Sylvan Sand & Prue Sand ROHWERS • Valley Road JESSUPS • 1300 Von Elm Place CHERYL VASCELLARO • 1400 Von Elm Place BILL WALKER • Wilcox

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